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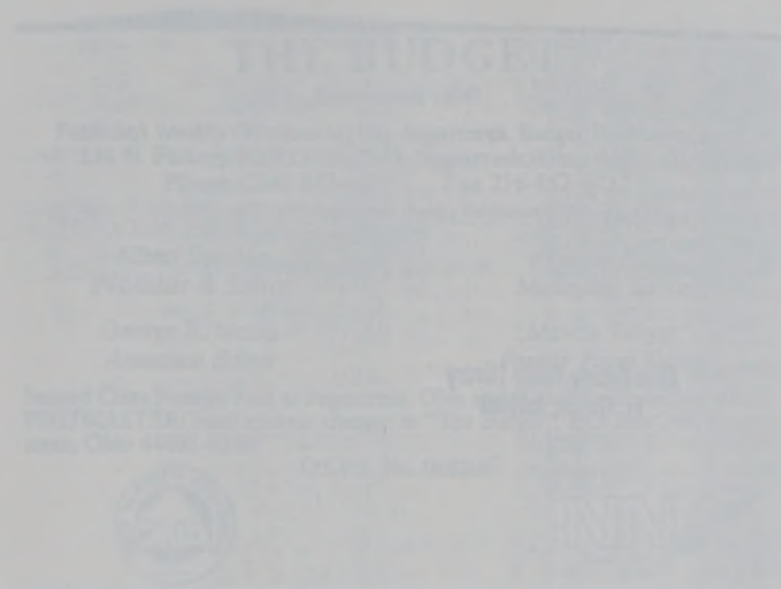
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ANNA, ILLINOIS

Mt. Pleasant Congregation

Feb. 26--Spring must be just around the corner with the tulip bulbs pushing and daffodils blooming.

Mrs. Richard Weaver's parents, the Ernest Horsts from Ohio, visited the area Feb. 17-19, mainly to see their new grandson.

School teacher Ivan Zook went to Messiah Bible School for the last 3-week term. Glen Weaver, Robert Martin and the writer will each substitute one week.

William Schueler from Crockett, Kentucky preached at Orchardville Feb. 25. David Burkholder from B.C. preached at Ewing and Phares Martin (Ill.) preached at Mt. Pleasant. The David Burkholder family is enroute home after spending 3 weeks at Numidia Bible School in Pa.

An ordination is planned for the Bernville Cong. in Pa. on March 3. Paul Weaver and Paul Siegrist have been nominated. We plan to attend.

Marvin Weaver

SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

Feb. 27--Nice now after a shower in the night. Sat. it was very windy. Temp. at just about dark was 2° below and Sun. morning was 10° below here.

Baptismal services were held Sun. at Omer Kuhns' with a large attendance. Bish. Marvin Jay Otto of Kokomo, Ind. had main part and Dea. Elmer H. Graber of Bloomfield, Ia. read scripture. Willard Helmuth of Northeast Fairbanks dist. had the opening sermon. Other visiting ministers were Bish. Henry A. Millers, Andy A. Schrock, Eli Stutzmans, Harvey Chupp, Dea. Ervin Mast and Bert Hochstetlers.

Mrs. John A. Schrock Lizzie had already passed away last week when I wrote my letter. The funeral was Thurs.

Fri. morning at 5:00 Mrs. Jacob Plank Lizzie passed away. These 2 women lived in the same church dist. Mrs. John was at her son Ervin's and Mrs. Jacob at her son Ories' and Ervin and Orie's wives are sisters, the daus. of Levi H. Miller. The last funeral brought me company from Haven, Ks. A cousin Susie, wife of the late Eli H. Bontrager and her son Harry Wayne and wife Edith came.

There were more here for the funeral from Ks. that wanted to go on to Ind. for the funeral of Levi Yoder Mary. Her first husband was Sam T. Schrock, formerly of Yoder, Ks. Mary was the dau. of the late Bish. Jonas D. Bontrager who was my father's uncle. Mary has only 2 bros. living anymore, both retired bishops living in Augusta, Wi. area. Levi is 95 and Eli 90.

Jonathan Creek Church is to be at Mrs. (Eli) Fannie Gingerich's next. Omer Jay Otto dist. was at Harvey Dieners' Sun. with Lewis Gingerichs furnishing eats. So Mrs. Fannie and Eli Schrock were at Harveys'. Omer Kuhns was a nephew of Mrs. Plank, so they went to the funeral, but were back in time for dinner.

Mrs. Joe J. Hochstetler

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

March 1--Sat. it was windy and really snowed at times, but didn't amount to anything. Got cold again and has been cold since.

Writing doesn't go so well this time as Fri. morning at 4:20, Feb. 23 my mother Mrs. (Jacob) Lizzie Plank passed on to the great beyond. The last week she had been losing out faster and gradually getting weaker and weaker till she peacefully passed out. Her age was 77 years, 5 mos. and 17 days (watch for obituary later).

Those coming from out-of-state were the Joseph Bontragers, Sarah and Nicole Sigler, Glen Bontragers and Paul Gritters, all of Mich., Harold Amstutzes, Roman Lee Plank and Norma Schlabbach of Ship., Ind., Roman Kuhns family, Darrell Borkholder, Devon Schwartzes and Ivan Kuhnses of Bremen, Ind., Jerry Planks of Ala. and Lonnie Plank of Tenn., Harry Wayne Bontrager, Mrs. (Eli) Susie Bontrager, Tobie Petersheims, Enos Schrockes, Enoses, Jonases and Rudy Bontrager and Sam Yoder, all of Haven, Ks. All of the Ks. folks but Harry Waynes and Eli Susie left right after the funeral for Ind. to a funeral of an aged aunt of the Bontragers who was a sis. to D.K. Bontrager. Also Fred Yoders, Mrs. Davey Stutzman, Abie Yoder and Dewey Gingerich, all of Milton and Bloomfield, Ia., Joseph Overholts and Simon T. Millers of Kalona, Ia.

Preaching was done in the big house by Sam Yoder of Ks. and Fred Yoder of Milton. 90th Psalm was read by Ervin Schrock (of the home church). In small house by Dewey Gingerich of Blfd., Ia. and Abie Yoder of Milton, Ia. 90th Psalm read by Chrissie L. Yoder. Burial in the Yoder cemetery. Pallbearers were Ura Herschberger, George Helmuth, John M. Stutzman and Willard O. Miller.

Mother passed away early Mon. the day after the funeral of (John) Lizzie Schrock. It's a bit unusual that 2 aged and sickly mommies leave this earth so close together both in the same church, same neighborhood, same sickness, went to school together, names alike and both leave the dawdy house empty by their sons who are both ministers.

Eli A. Herschberger spent a day at the hosp. recently when he fell from a gravity wagon as he was loading cobs and fell on the tongue. He received several broken ribs.

Baptismal services were held in Wm. Otto's dist. for LeRoy Hochstetler (Monroe), Darrell Schrock (Melvin), Duane Herschberger (Oba), LeAnna Schrock (Ivan). In Abe Gingerich dist. for Carolyn Gingerich (Melvin).

Wedding announcement has been made for Owen Helmuth (Omer) and Laurretta Miller (Raymond) on Apr. 5.

Mrs. Andy Jess

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

Mar. 1--Mar. 1st is starting out like a lamb with temperatures around 20° and hardly any wind. Last Thurs. we had an all-night and all-day rain. In the morning a newborn calf was by our grapevine and remained there throughout the cold rainy day. Toward evening our neighbor to the east, Willis Stutzman, picked him up. It must have wandered from his grove a half-mile away during the cold rainy night. It was a Holstein so it must have been strong.

Nathan, 4-year-old son of Levi D. Millers, spent several days in the hospital with pneumonia.

The 6-week-old baby of John Henry and Carolyn (Gingerich) Schrock spent several days in the hospital with pneumonia and congestion.

Elva W. Millers from Ludington, Mi. spent from Wednesday to Sunday here to help take care of his mother, Mrs. William (Katie Ann) Miller.

Sunday was the funeral of the Arthur scribe's mother, Mrs. Lizzie Plank.

Mrs. Owen (Katie Fern) Schrock collapsed on Sat. morning and was taken to the hospital and was thought at first to have had a stroke and later the doctors ruled out the stroke and thought stress was a factor. Her arm and leg were numb. She is at home again, but I understand she still can't walk.

Ernest R. Yoder was taken to the hospital and had surgery for appendicitis.

Mrs. Edwin Schrock

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

Pleasant View Church

Feb. 28--After 2" of rain last week we had 10° Sun. morning. Is slowly warming up again. Rains are very welcome as many towns in our area had a very low water level this winter.

Visitors in church Sun. were Mrs. Mel Mast and children of Sarasota, Fla., Debbie and Jim Miller (Als). Mels were here to visit his mother Mrs. Henry Mast. Jay Miller, Hutchinson, Ks. also attended, having brought a load of the Yoder, Ks. area for Mrs. Lizzie Plank's funeral. Edgar's uncle Tobie Petersheims were with the load. They left Sun. afternoon for Tobie's aunt's funeral at northern Ind. on Mon. David N. Miller of Yoder, Ks. had also brought a van load for the above funeral and spent Sat. evening and Sun. with his bro.-in-law Enos Helmuth.

Quite a few of our own people were missing Sun. Some attended the above funeral. Kenny Bontrager and 3 daus. are in Fla. for 2 weeks.

Last week Mrs. Dannie Diener and dau. Eloise Gingerich took Wanda Miller to Goshen, Ind. plus a van load of her belongings. She went to clean and prepare her trailer to move in. This Wed. her bro. Darrel plans to take her to Lott, Tex. to prepare for her wedding to Terry Yoder, April 7th.

John Helmuth and Mrs. Enos Kuhns, Topeka, Ind. visited their uncle, the Albert J. Helmuths, Fri. morning, being here for Mrs. Lizzie Schrock's funeral on Thurs.

Dave and Dawn Kuhns were to Calvary Bible School (Ark.) from Thurs. to Sat. to visit.

Viola Gingerich remains at the Carle Clinic, Champaign. At this time they have decided it isn't a tumor afterall. But are doing more tests trying to find the reason for the numbness of most of her body.

Mrs. Fred Gingerich, Au Gres, Mich. was here to visit Viola and also spend one night with her aunt, the Edward Herschbergers.

They had anointing services for Mrs. Henry Mast Sat. evening and Sun. morning was feeling a little better.

Edgar & Mary Petersheim

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ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**Pinecraft, Florida**

Feb. 26--We had a nice 2½" all day rain Friday, then cooled off.

Valerie spent the day with the Elton Ulrichs, Mary Kipps and Esther Ulrich Tues. They had lunch at the beach. They are Valerie's great-uncle and aunts.

Ruth Rocky of Goodfield, Ill. and Louella Jacobs of Cissna Park, Ill. visited at the writer's Tues. eve.

Dick Moser and wife brought their granddaughter (Trisha Bates) back Wed. a.m. Then Thurs. a.m. we took her and Valerie to the airport, when they left for home after 9 days vacation. Their flight was cancelled at St. Louis where they changed planes, so had to wait an hour for the next plane.

Florence Bucher went with us too. We had dinner at Tin Pan Alley, then back to the airport where we met Jane Hodel at 12:55. She was home a week on business. She and Florence are living in the Dan Beachy apt.

David J. Yoder and wife Ida of Shipshewana, Ind. came to Pinecraft Fri. noon. They are spending some time at her folks', the Bert Troyers'. Plans are to be in Fla. a week or 10 days.

Henry A. Miller and wife Erma of Sugarcreek, Ohio came to Fla. Thurs. p.m. and are living in the Alvin Miller apt. They visited the Dan Beachys Sat. afternoon.

Mrs. Roman Schlabach (Maymie) passed away Fri. Funeral services to be at Tourist Menn. Church today at 2:00 p.m. Burial here in Fla. in Sunnyside Cemetery. She had not been well for some time.

Mark Zook and wife Emma of Mifflin, Pa. arrived in Fla. Sat. They and Noah Gingerichs visited at the writer's last evening after church.

Feb. 27--Visitors at the writer's yesterday were Juliana Kittl (a German lady), Florence Bucher, Jane Hodel, Jonas J.B. Miller and wife, David and Susanna Herschberger of Arcola, Ill.

The German lady and husband came across 37 years ago and first settled in Chicago, then St. Petersburg. Then they found the A.C. Church in Sarasota and moved there and bought a house on Fruitville Rd. Her folks were of the Apostolic Christian faith in Europe. We learned to know her several yrs. ago.

Mrs. Reuben Kennell

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Arthur, Illinois

Lizzie (Yoder) Plank, dau. of Abe & Anna (Swartzentruber) Yoder, born Sept. 6, 1912; died Feb. 23, 1990, age 77 yrs., 5 months, 17 days. She was married to Jacob M. Plank on Sept. 15, 1932 and lived in matrimony 51 yrs., 11 months. She leaves to mourn her departure 5 sons and 4 daus., Mrs. Joseph (Mary Anna) Borntrager, Centreville, Mich.; Lonnie Jay, Westmoreland, Tenn.; Mrs. Roman (Martha) Kuhns, Bremen, Ind.; Ivan, Arthur; Norman, Arcola, Ill.; Mrs. Floyd (Lucy) Stutzman, Sullivan, Ill.; Orie, Arthur, Jerry Jay, Westmoreland, Tenn.; Mrs. Andy (Vera) Jess, Arthur. Forty-seven grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters and 2 bros., Lewis of Arthur; Jerry of Lovington; Mrs. Ben (Sadie) Kuhns and Lucy Yoder of Arthur. Preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, 3 grandchildren, 3 bros. and one sister.

The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their sympathy, help and kind deeds during mother's sickness and death.

Our Mother

Sweetly resting, oh, how sweet,
We pray the Lord, your soul to keep.
To be in Heaven's great Angel Band,
No more to travel on sinking sand.

Yes, life for you wasn't always pleasant,
Many days poor health was present.
In the summer of 1977, you became ill,
To go to the dr. was not your will.

It was then that it was revealed,
The dreaded disease that cannot be healed.
When you were, oh, so very sick,
Surgery was performed, hoping to get it licked.

But it takes more than that, we know.
In spring of 1978, to Mexico you did go.
After many days of shots and things,
The cancer went in remission, it seemed.

Your wish for health was given,
To stay well, with determination was driven.
Dad passed away on Aug. 20, 1984,
Little did we know what's in store.

Three weeks later you weren't feeling good,
But like usual, you waited as long as you could;
The spring of 1985, to Oklahoma you went,
The relief you got that time was God sent.

But to get well again, it seemed,
Was all in vain and just a dream.
Many lonely days at home you spent,
Few were the times that to church you went.

Visitors, she always looked forward to,
Her children and grandchildren, too.
Often her request was to have us sing,
Praising God, and joy to her it would bring.

Her children were her concern,
The Plan of Salvation, that we may discern;
That none may be lost or strayed,
For us, she many a time prayed.

Oh, with patience, you so willingly bore,
One day at a time, not knowing what's in store.
Hardly ever complained of aches and pain,
A desire to pass on, to her heavenly gain.

Now her wish has been granted,
To me it's oh, so final and hard to grasp.
So peacefully you are at rest,
Asleep in Jesus, may you be blest.

Precious memories of one so kind,
Wonderful memories you left behind.
May we submit us to God and prepare,
To meet our dear mother, over there.

Gone, but certainly not forgotten.

-By the Family

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Pinecraft, Florida

Feb. 5--We are enjoying our nice cool mornings, soon gets warmer.

Elmer Gerdes and wife Doris left for their home at Tampico, Ill. the past week after a month's stay with her sister Dora Hostetler in Pinecraft.

Cletus Miller and wife of Middlebury, Ind. have spent a week in Fla. and plan to leave again soon.

I visited at Pete Grabers' Tues. afternoon. Rose was up and looking good. She still has trouble talking as her vocal cords must have been damaged some when she had the tube to her lungs through the throat so long while in the hospital, and will take awhile for damage healing.

Ed Wickey and wife of Burr Oak, Mich. left for home Wed. p.m. after spending 2 months in their apt. on Bimini St. with her folks, the Ora Schrocks.

Perry Hostetler and wife Malinda left for Mich. (their former home) on business. They are having an addition put on their home here and plan to live in Pinecraft permanently now. Her sister Freida of N.Y. spent awhile here with them and her sister Gertie who lives in a cottage at Sunnyside Village.

Persida Weigand and son Gary, wife and children of Goodfield, Ill. came to Fla. Fri. p.m. Plans are to only stay a week or 10 days.

Pre. Sam Yoder and wife, also Fre. Atlee E. Miller and wife left Fri. p.m. on the Pioneer Trails bus for their homes in Holmes Co., Ohio.

Lulu Guengrich had an auction sale Fri. p.m. to sell the rest of her belongings. She will live in Mich. near her nephew Jerry Yoder in a trailer.

Son Kenneth and son-in-law Nelson Yoder shingled the south side of our house roof Saturday. They (also wives & children) were supper guests at the writers' in p.m.

Henry Redclay and wife of Pa. were to Tourist Menn. Church yesterday. They are staying at Sebring, Fla. this year. Also was surprised to see Ada Rhodes come in at Tourist. I assume they arrived recently.

Earl Hartman and wife Irene, living in the former L. & L. Court, have sold their trailer and are leaving for their home at Goshen, Ind. tomorrow. The court is having a picnic dinner today in their honor.

Aaron Martin and wife Susan are leaving today for their home in Penna.
Mrs. Reuben Kennell

TAMPICO, ILLINOIS

Mar. 6--Larrys and Raymond Hostetlers of Sedalia, Mo. were visitors in church Feb. 25.

Victor Shrocks, Edwin Blossers, Norman Hostetlers, H. W. Hostetler, Clifford Shrocks, Larrys and Raymond Hostetlers attended a meeting at Fairmont, Minn. Feb. 26 and 27.

We have had a session of very nice weather. Many geese have been seen going north. Fri. night and Sat. it snowed again.

Kenyon and Sherry Hostetler welcome a dau., born Feb. 27, 8 lbs. 2¼ ozs., 21½ inches long, and has been named Jonda Rose. One sister welcomes her. Paternal grandparents are Leslie and Bertha Hostetler and maternal grandparents are Willis and Judy Kropf. Great-grandparents are Amos and Ruth Hostetler, Vinnie Hostetler and Joe and Alice Kropf.

Joe Kropf is some better. He has more restful nights, but talks less. Donald Headings is still having a problem with elevated body temperature. He is still in intermediate care.

Mark Ulrichs are visiting at Green Forest, Ark. for a week or more. Stanley Shrocks and Stephen Yoder are taking care of the milking while Marks are gone.

There was a comfort knotting at the school for the youngfolks Thurs. evening.

Nora, 2-year-old dau. of David and Cindy Hostetler, gave her parents a scare last week when she failed to respond properly. They headed for the hospital, but I am not sure if they had arrived yet when she threw up and appeared to be alright.

Merle Schuneman, 74, past president of the Manlius Bank, passed away recently at his winter home in Fla.

Ernest Blosser

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

Mar. 8--It warmed up again and was nice sunshine over the weekend. Mon. the temp. was almost 60°, but it has changed again to rain.

Min. Ora Millers and Homer Mulletts of Kingston, Wis. and Albert Mulletts and Harley Millers of Napp., Ind. attended church Sun. at Harvey Chupps' with a full house.

A load of Chupp relatives of here attended the funeral of Levi Chupp of Ind. on Tuesday. They left early morn. and returned the same day.

Word was received Sun. of the death of Mrs. Andy (Mintie) Miller of Ohio, the mother of Mrs. Harvey D. (Kathryn) Kaufman, also of Ohio. Those going for the funeral were Dan G. Kaufman, Jerry Rockes, Mrs. Omer Kuhns and Dannie Kuhns furnished transportation.

Grandma Kaufman (Mrs. Dan) stayed at her dau's. place (Sovilla) Mrs. Ervin Jess, while the others had gone to Ohio. They came home last night.

Millers Dry Goods is closed at present and is moving into their new and larger building and will reopen again on March 19th.

Wedding bells are ringing this time for Marlin Otto (John E.) and Rebecca Diener (Lewis). Their date is set for April 11.

Last week there were 2 quiltings at Noah S. Beachys' to make a quilt for the Dennis Miller benefit auction to be held in May.

Mrs. Andy Jess

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

March 7--March has been like a lamb so far. Tulips and jonquils are up. Crocuses are blooming.

Baptismal services were held in John Herschberger dist. at Ervin N. Herschbergers' where Stanley Miller (Levi D.), Dennis Schrock (Abe) and Joseph Yoder (Lester E.) were baptized.

Published to be married April 11 are Marlin Otto (John E.) and Rebecca Diener (Lewis).

Ernest Yoder did not have an appendicitis operation as I stated in my last letter. His pain turned out to be a pinched nerve. He is o.k. again and back to work.

One of Eli W. Gingerichs' twins was taken to the hospital last Sat. eve. with dehydration. Mrs. Edwin Schrock

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ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

Pleasant View Church

March 6--We are seeing robins this week.

Menno Kuhns and 2 daus. have returned home from Calvary Bible School, Ark.

Trinity Fellowship had guest sewing last week at Sam Herschbergers', inviting the sisters of Mt. Vernon, Ill. Those coming to quilt were Audrey and Kris Clugston, Dottie and Carol Hess, Dawn and Doreen High and Mrs. Fred Mast.

Visitors at Pleasant View Sun. were Abe Speicher and 3 children who were here to visit the Danny Kuhns fam. and were Sun. dinner guest of the Val Marner fam. Abe, Danny and Mrs. Marner were in service together at River Forest Home, Mi. Sarah Marner of Va. and 2 friends who are also in nursing school at Va. were in church.

Adlia and Lena Yoder have returned home after spending the winter months in Fla.

Brian, Lyndora, Lyle Petersheim and Charlene Schrock enjoyed the weekend

in Harrison, Ark. with their sisters, Teresa Petersheim and Joan Schrock.

They plan to move Viola Gingerich to the convalescent care center of Mattoon today, as they can do just as much for her there as at the hospital. Her add. there will be P.O. Box 209, 1000 Palm St., Mattoon, Ill. 61938.

Edgar & Mary Petersheim

Arthur, Illinois

Mrs. Elizabeth D. (Yoder) Schrock was born Dec. 9, 1910. She was the dau. of David and Mattie Yoder. She died Feb. 19, 1990 in her home, age 79 yrs., 2 months and 10 days. Was married to John A. Schrock on Nov. 28, 1929; he died Jan. 13, 1986. They lived in matrimony 56 yrs., 1 month, 16 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure: 4 sons and 3 daughters, Susanna (Mrs. Ben S. Miller) Arcola, Ill.; Andrew (married to Irma Herschberger) Milton, Iowa; Fannie (Mrs. Menno Hostetler), Milton, Iowa; Reuben (married to Edna Fern Schrock), Arcola, Ill.; Jonas (married to Amanda Kaufman), Arcola, Ill.; Ervin (married to Amanda Miller), Arthur, Ill.; Gertrude (Mrs. Edward Ray Yoder), Arthur, Ill.; 60 grandchildren, 113 great grandchildren, also 5 brothers and one sister, Levi, Jonas, and Andy all of Arthur, Ill.; Joe, Arcola, Ill.; Enos, Goshen, Ind.; Lydia (Mrs. Levi W. Stutzman), Arthur, Ill. She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, one grandchild and 9 great-grandchildren.

Mother lived 4 months after being diagnosed as having cancer. The children took care of her in her home. The last few weeks were hard ones for her and also for the children, it is hard to see your mother suffer. She had a longing and looked forward to meeting Jesus; in her last days she talked mostly about hoping Jesus would come soon. The family wishes to express sincere thanks to neighbors, friends, and relatives for all the food, help, and words of encouragement at the time of her sickness and the funeral. May God bless you all.

Cancer was the illness,
Lymphoma was the kind;
Doctors word was - incurable,
Many things came to our mind.

She left much food for thought,
As she grew weaker day by day.
How many times she said thank-you;
We really couldn't say.

Just a few hours before the Death Angel,
Came to her from the sky;
She bid each and everyone,
A farewell and goodbye.

Oh, precious are those memories,
Left for us to think and ponder;
While she no longer suffers here,
But is gone to rest up yonder.

She told us just before she left us,
A nice bright shining light I see;
Also she saw Jesus coming,
Thank God how could it more blessed be?

The winter months will bring sad memories,
Of our loved ones gone to rest;
We trust it really was God's will,
And know his ways are always best.

As we go about our work,
Pleasant memories come to mind;
Of our dear mother who has gone,
And left us children all behind.

Pleasant memories come from,
The taking care of mother;
She was always kind and understanding,
To us it seemed there was no other.

What is left for us to do now,
Is to keep their pleading in mind;
The precious things they told us,
To benefit those of us left behind.

Jan. four years ago brings memories,
Of parting with our dear dad;
It was so very sudden and,
We were very shocked and sad.

Mom and Dad it broke our hearts to lose
you,
Although you didn't go alone;
For a part of us went with you,
The day God took you home.

Arthur, Illinois

In memory of our father and grandfather, William G. Miller, died March 17, 1988.

Dearest Father, you have left us,
Left us, yes, forever more;
You have climbed the stairs to heaven,
To be weary never more.

Never more this side of heaven,
Shall we meet this one we loved;
He has gone to be with Jesus,
In that happy home above.

Now we see where the grasses grow,
Over the silent mound;
Where dear Grandfather sleepeth,
'Neath the cold and silent ground.

In this graveyard are the neighbors,
With Grandpa lying side by side;
Other grandpas and grandmas, too,
Who with us no more abide.

But when we saw your peaceful rest,
Free from suffering, free from pain;
Oh, we would not wish you back,
Into this world again.

Our family circle is now broken,
The same it will be never;
Your emptiness is deeply felt,
As we gather all together.

Make us more like thee, dear Jesus,
Lead us safely day by day;
All along life's rugged pathway,
Lead us o'er the narrow way.

-Sadly missed by the Family

LEBANON, ILLINOIS

March 2--We are blessed with rain,
then clear, cold days.

The writer is still nursing a smashed left hand, injured while unloading stones, two weeks ago. Today I went for tooth and jaw surgery as an outpatient.

Our Budget was late this week and when it did arrive, had another label on it, besides ours. The other label found us a new friend; as we contacted the family and they said they hadn't received theirs. So we sent a note to The Budget office.

Some crocuses are blooming. Early birds have put out lettuce, already.

Mattie King

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Pinecraft, Fla.

March 12--At home they are having warm and rain. Haven't had rain like that for long time, ditches are full and ponds standing in the fields.

Visitors in our home the past week were Alvin Miller and wife Lavina, Fla., Clifford Hartman and wife Clara, Ind., Persida Wiegand, Goodfield, Ill., David Wingeier and wife Bertha, Alto, Mich., Irene Yoder, Ohio, Dorothy Hartzler, Mill Creek, Pa., Andy D. Miller and wife Katie, Belleville, Pa., Phares Fisher and wife Katie, Pa. and Archie Hostetler.

The Pioneer Trails Bus came in Thurs. with more vacationers. Left again Fri. p.m. loaded to capacity. Our neighbors Roman Rabers, Ohio, Al Kleins, Ohio and Joni Millers of Oakland, Md. left. Jonis had not been scheduled to leave until next week, but had a call there was a cancelation for 2, so they decided to take it. They spent several months with Sam Schrock and his bro. Roman.

Mrs. Ivan Schrock of Ohio came to Fla. via Trailway Bus Thurs. Ivan plans to come this week. Plans are to spend a short time here, then take Sam Schrock and bro. Roman home to Ohio after spending the winter in Pinecraft.

Mark Zook and wife are leaving for their home in Pa. today, also Dorothy Hartzler is leaving today for Pa.

Mary Yoder (Mrs. Lester) came home from the hospital yesterday. She had surgery on her knee Fri. as it was not knitting. She had fallen and cracked the right kneecap, so they wired it. She is still having a lot of pain.

Connie Graber of Harrisonburg, Va. spent a week in Pinecraft visiting her grandparents, the David Herschbergers and Katie Graber.

David Stutzman and wife of Sugar-creek, Ohio came to Fla. for a short vacation. Bro. David preached at Tourist Mennonite Church yesterday morning.

David J. Yoder and wife Ida of Shipshewana, Ind. left for their home the past week.

Nelson Yoder, wife and children, also Joe Yoder, dau. Ila Belle and Marietta, also Marilyn Yoder were Sun. dinner guests with Lewis and Mattie Miller. Nelsons stopped in to visit us a short while before returning home.

Mrs. Reuben Kennell

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

Pleasant View Church

March 14--We had some record breaking weather for March, being 78° Mon. Spring flowers are appearing early.

Some belated news: Eli Schrock moved into their new house already 4 weeks ago at the Martin Schrock farm. Elis had been living in Arthur while their new home was being built. Sat. Mrs. Roman D. Miller moved to Arthur in the house Elis vacated.

Mon. Joe Millers and 2 children (Roman D.s) loaded their new home at Wisc. Those helping them move were Elva and Ira Herschberger, Levi Herschbergers, Mrs. Roman Miller, Miss Tillie Kauffman, Willard Gingerich and one of Lester Yoders' sons.

Lester and Lenora Miller have bought Joe's farm and will be moving on it.

Dave and Linda Weaver have returned to their home having been here a few weeks to help care for Linda's mother, Mrs. Henry Mast.

Bish. Howard Kuhns left Sun. after-

noon for Mt. Vernon, Ill. to preach for one of the churches Sun. evening. They returned home Mon.

Mrs. Enos Helmuth entered the hosp. again March 7th with another heart blockage. Sun. she was moved from Mattoon to Champaign to the Covenant Medical Center (formerly Mercy), having had balloon surgery done Mon. morning. At this time it seems to have been very successful and she was able to return home Tues. evening.

Visitors Sun. at Trinity Fellowship were Allen and Anna Miller of Goshen, Ind., being here to visit the Willis Schrock fam. Also Larry Schrock of Kokomo, Ind. being here for the baptismal services Sun. for LeAnn Schrock (Ervin) and Wilbur Gingerich (Willards) at Trinity. Some of our youth attended these services, too.

Menno Kuhns is in Ohio this week having a week of revival meetings.

Edgar & Mary Petersheim

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

March 15--The weather has been on the windy side for the last week. It was stormy and windy early this morning. Power lines were causing fireworks and we noticed the power was off for some time.

In the letter I wrote to *The Budget* appearing Feb. 14 concerning Wilbur, 4, son of Lester and Katie Gingerich. He had not vomited or choked (as I had stated). Nobody really knows what caused his death. The coroner and undertaker think possibly mucous broke loose and got in his lungs which could have been instant without any struggle, as he just lay on his back so peacefully and didn't look like he made struggle of any kind. They weren't up with him until he slept again. He was to the bathroom at 1:30 and had some coughing so Katie gave him a little cough syrup and honey. Wilbur flashed in to Lester and said, "I see you, Daddy," and went to bed again. Lester was up at 2 and Wilbur was snoring that he knew he was sound asleep. At 5:15 when Lester got up he didn't hear him so went to check on him. He was still real nice and warm and his hands and fingers were limp so he knew he had not been gone very long. Sorry for the mistake, as I was misinformed.

Edna M. Yoder was able to be in church the last time since her stroke about a month or so ago. She has had the hives since then, but they changed her medication and that is cleared up. Now last week her sis. Irma broke her leg and had to be in the hosp. a few days. She has a bone disease and had it broken before. This time it is broken just above that place. Irma helps her sis., Mrs. Anna Miller, in the dry goods store and they were, or are, in the process of moving to their new store that's built on the premises. They are closed these 2 weeks for that purpose.

Mrs. Chris Herschberger (Amelia) is at home from the hosp. where she spent a few days after her stroke. She is still confused at times and does not have the use of her left arm.

Mrs. Eli A. (Ruby) Herschberger had a bad weekend and is now in the hosp.

Mrs. Kenny Miller (Dorothy) did some fast thinking when one of the little ones pushed the propane floor lamp too close to some clothes on hangers. The clothes caught fire and the smoke alarm went off and Dorothy grabbed the clothes and took them outside. She has burns on her hands bad enough that Kenny had to work the bread she usually makes.

Mrs. Edwin N. Schrock

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

March 15--Sat. we received around 2" of rain. Quite a few early gardens have been made. Temperature has been in the upper 70's for almost a week now.

I had failed to mention that Glenn and Dorothy Schrock and 2 children of Dixon, Mo. had also been here for my mother's funeral, Dorothy's grandmother. Glenn and dau. JoAnna left for home Wed. but Dorothy and son Nathan didn't go home til this past Mon.

Sun. afternoon those leaving for Fla. were Mrs. Chris, Levis and Wm.'s, all Ottos, and Omer Millers. They went to visit their dau. and sister's husband, Emory Beachy who is not well at all. Planning to be back home again by Sat. eve.

Paul Otto (Amos) entered the Memorial Hospital in Springfield on Feb. 20 to do skin grafting and is still a patient there. Dr. said he can't come home till he can sit up by himself.

Lillie (baby dau. twin) of Eli Gingerichs spent 4 days in the hospital lately due to virus and dehydration.

Fri. eve. Chris Herschberger Millie was taken to the hospital. Drs. don't want to call it a stroke but was something similar. She also has Alzheimer's disease. Eli Herschberger Ruby also entered the hospital this week after having several miserable nights and is quite low. Her cancer has advanced to the liver.

Births: a dau. named Glenda Jo to Ruben and Nancy Gingerich on Feb. 23. Grandparents are Morris Gingerichs and Lewis Schlabachs. Great-grandparents are Sim Gingerichs, Mrs. (Sam) Tillie Miller, and Mrs. (Fred) Mattie Schlabach is step-grandmother.

A dau. named Sharon Ann to Raymond and Dorothy Herschberger on March 6. One sister who is 14 and 4 brothers welcome her. Levi Herschbergers and John E. Ottos are grandparents. Great-grandparents are Chris Herschbergers and Mrs. (Sol) Mary Ann Beachy.

Just a warning to all parents, remove all skunks from traps before you have church. Recently one of our boys became involved and ended up getting sprayed on his Sun. clothes. Such a smell we carried home that day and that smell didn't leave the clothes till I washed them in tomato juice. A simple and cheap remedy.

Mrs. Andy Jess

SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

March 13--Unusually warm. Was 72° at 5:00 yesterday. We had around 2" rain the last of the week, which really greened the lawns.

Jonathan Creek was well attended Sun. with quite a few visitors. From out-of-state were Kenneth Mast of Bloomfield, Iowa. They came as a surprise to her parents' home, the Monroe Herschbergers.

Harley Millers were the only visiting minister and Bish. William Otto was missing, as they attended at her parents', the Adlai Gingerichs. Church to be at Mrs. (Eli) Fannie Gingerich's again, council meeting, in 2 weeks.

We were glad to have Clarence Stutzman again first time for this year, but walking goes very hard for him.

Bish. William Ottos, Bish. Omer Millers, Dea. Levi Ottos with their mother Mrs. (Chris) Malinda Otto are spending this week in Fla. to visit Emory Beachys, their dau. and sister. Emory has cancer and is under medication.

Erma Yoder, who had a broken leg a number of years ago, again heard her bone snap, then she fell. If I was informed right, it's only a little below the break of before. She will be greatly

missed in the Miller's Dry Good Store. They are moving to the new building and are closed for business at present.

Mrs. Ervin Herschberger had a quilting last Thur. and his mother Mrs. Chris Herschberger was also there and fell while in the bathroom and was taken to the doctor from there, but no serious injuries showed. Then Fri. eve. she had a stroke and was taken to the hospital and was still there Sun. Possibly the Arthur scribe has more details.

Mrs. Marvin Stutzman and 2 daus., Mrs. Elva Herschberger and the writer were to Noah Herschberger's home last Thur. to help mark a plain quilt, which is to be at Melvin Chupp's for the benefit sale with proceeds to go on Dennis Miller's hospital bill. Mrs. Marx Miller also quilted one lately for the same sale. No definite time has been set for the sale that I know of.

Mrs. Joe J. Hochstetler

TAMPICO, ILLINOIS

March 24--Jerrold Eigstis and Leo Kempfs of Sedalia, Mo. arrived the evening of March 8th. Jerrolds were with us overnight and Leos were at Elmer L. Ulrichs'. They were enroute to the wedding at Muscoda, Wis.

Reuben Shrocks and Luella Headings of Buffalo, Mo., Mrs. Martha Shrock of Dixon, Mo. and Lamar Kempfs of Sedalia, Mo. visited family and friends on their way to the wedding at Muscoda.

John Blossers, Halfway, Mo., were with us over Sunday (March 11). They were on their way home from the wedding and were pulling a trailer load of cheese along home.

Other visitors in church on March 11 were Jeff Eigstis, Vernon, Eileen, Clara Belle, Mabel and Muriel Kempf, Becky Knox, John Dale Kropf and Melody Kropf of Sedalia, Mo. and Marvin Hostettler of Buffalo, Mo. Most of them had attended the wedding at Muscoda. Joanna and Martha Headings were travelling with the others but spent the day Sunday with the Dan Headings family in Peoria.

Donald Headings has now been moved out of intermediate care to a regular hospital room. His trache is capped now and he is breathing on his own.

Levi and Shirley Hostettler of Sedalia, Mo. visited family here March 12. There was a basket supper at the school for the family.

Dan Headings and Dale Hostettlers of Buffalo, Mo. and Ora Headings of Sedalia, Mo. visited family and the ailing ones last week.

Larry Shrocks of Buffalo, Mo. visited family from Tues. to Sat.

The annual consignment sale at Hatzler and Nordstrom Imp. in Onnawan has grown to a two day event. Larry Shrock attended on Friday and Reuben Yoder, Baraga, Mich. attended Fri. and Sat.

Baptismal services were held Sunday for Stephan Yoder of Baraga, Mich. who has been working for and boarding at Mark Ulrichs' since he started instruction class several months ago. Reubens worshipped with us and were witnesses to the occasion.

A group of ladies came to paint the interior walls in the new addition to our house on Thursday. They didn't quite get done, but gave us a big lift.

We had 2 days of record high temperatures. Some oats has been sowed.

Mrs. Joseph (Mabel) Garretson, hasn't been well the last while. She has some arthritis in her ankles. She was also bothered with cough, temp. and stomach pains.

Ernest Blosser

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

March 22--The weather again reminded us that it is still March over the weekend. On the first day of spring the temperature was down to 14. It has warmed and rained.

Mrs. Chris Herschberger (Amelia) is at home from the hospital recovering from a stroke. This was the first time she was in the hospital as a patient in her life. She is 83 yrs. old and has 14 children.

Mrs. Edna Miller had church last Sunday for Enos Schrock, as Lovina is ill with a touch of pneumonia.

Mrs. Roman Miller (Sib) moved to Arthur 2 weeks ago. Her son Joe and family sold their farm to Jacob W. Miller and Lester and moved to a farm in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Joe (Lydia) Schrock is recovering nicely from a gallbladder operation. She is at St. Mary's Hospital. Her husband Joe is a quadriplegic and cannot be with her in the hospital. Their address: Rt. 1, Box 25-B, Arthur, Ill.

Mrs. Reuben Yoder (Irma) has not been well for some time with cold and flu and heart problems. She is now in the hospital and had gallbladder surgery yesterday. Her address: Rt. 2, Box 80, Lovington, Il. 61917.

Mrs. Eli (Ruby) Herschberger remains a patient in the hospital. She was having problems and had to have blood transfusions and platelets. She feels some better, but must take pain pills.

Mrs. Menno Herschberger (Esther) is a patient in the hospital recovering from colon surgery. Is getting along well. Her address is: Rt. 2, Box 92, Arthur, Il.

Paul Joseph Otto (Amos) has been in the hospital for quite some time, four weeks or more, with bedsores. He is a quadriplegic and has had lots of problems. His home address is: Rt. 1, Box 171-A, Arthur, Il. He has done some art work and some tinker work and I suppose mail would be welcome.

Freeman and Anna (Gingerich) Gingerich are parents of a dau. named Rhoda. They are working in Red Lake, Ont., Can. for a few years now. They have another daughter. Abe L. Gingerichs, maternal grandparents, traveled to Red Lake to be with them. John A. Gingerichs are paternal grandparents.

Blob Goss was flying his private plane and went out on a windy day and crashed soon after takeoff near Sullivan. His father Charles Goss was watching him go after discouraging him to go and saw him crash. He was in intensive care in the hospital, but is now out.

The personal belongings of the late Tillie Herschberger will be offered for sale to the relatives on Sat., March 24.

Mrs. Edwin N. Schrock

SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

March 20--A beautiful day after our cold windy day yesterday. Oats are being sowed.

There were lots of strangers in the community over the weekend on account of the homecoming of Mrs. (Sam) Fannie Beachy, who is 103. It was largely attended at Alvin Beachys', her son. Mrs. Noah Beachy Lucinda was not able to attend. She seldom leaves home anymore. Her add. is Rt. 1, Box 98A, Arthur, Ill. 61911. A word or line of cheer would be nice for her. It is planned that communion services are to be at Lester Millers', their dau. living there, so Lucinda can also be in church.

The Henry Miller church at Henrys' was largely attended Sun. There was a visiting Min. Joni Hochstetler from Pa. and Emanuel Helmuth of Evansville, Wis. area, who had charge of the sermon. Mrs. Joe J. Hochstetler

ANNA, ILLINOIS

March 19--Richard Weavers want to visit the Donald Yoders at Dublin, Georgia March 3 & 4.

The weekend of March 11 brought many people from the east for the wedding of Timothy Eht (James) and Gloria Ebersole (Paul). Bish. Jesse Neuenschwander married them. James Eht (Timothy's father) preached, James Sensenig (Gloria's minister) had devotions, and James Siegrist (Timothy's uncle) led the singing. The wedding was held at Ewing and the reception near Xenia.

Paul Siegrist (newly ordained minister at Bernville, Pa) and his family stayed overnight at our place over the wedding weekend. Paul's brother, Jason and his mother Esther also traveled with them.

Ivan Goods have sold their chip factory and plan to move to Versailles, Missouri. They expect to be in this area till school is out in mid-May.

Raymond Weaver from Honey Brook, Pa. preached at Mt. Pleasant March 11. His son Leonard and family from Ewing were also there and they all had dinner at Dale and Erma Martin's. Dale and Erma Martin received another foster child. This one is white and is a girl about 2 months old. They took her along to Pa. the weekend of March 18th.

Dorcas Weaver (Davids) accompanied our family on a trip East March 2-6. Marvin Weaver

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS

Pinecraft, Florida

Feb. 19--We had several days of strong winds the past week. Some rain Saturday and cooled off to a pleasant 55°.

Art Eigsti and wife, also Roger Kennell and wife, left for their homes in Ill. the past week.

Jane Hodel received word Wed. from home in Ill. of the death of a grandson, 22. Was instantly killed in a motorcycle accident. She and Florence Bucher, who were living in the Dan Beachy apt., packed up and left for home early Thurs. a.m., ten days sooner than they had planned to leave. His funeral was Sat. a.m. at the Apostolic Christian Church near Roanoke, Ill.

Visitors with us Thurs. p.m. were Henry A. Miller and wife Erma of Sugarcreek, Ohio. Also Lester Yoder and wife Irene of Millersburg, Ohio. Henrys and daughter Martha (Betz) left Sat. a.m. for home after spending 3 weeks with relatives and friends in Fla. They have 2 daughters living here.

Nelson Yoder, wife and 2 little girls left for their home in Mich. Thurs. a.m. after spending several months in Pinecraft, living in her folks apt.

We were pleasantly surprised Sat. p.m. when Bill Hodel and wife Betty (our neighbors in Ill.) gave us a nice visit. They are spending a short while in Fla. Their first time to the sunny south.

Em. Kloter and wife Helen of Conn., living in Oakwood Manor in the winter, visited at the writers Sat. a.m. They plan to leave for home via plane for a week tomorrow, to be at their church Sunday for a granddaughter's baptismal services, then will return.

I was to visit Mary Yoder (Lesters) across the street Fri. afternoon. She is doing quite well. Had her stitches (or clamps) removed Thurs. Has a therapist coming to their home to give her therapy.

Sam Petesheim visited us last eve. after church. He has been alone 6 weeks. Katieann plans to come back today via plane. She went home after receiving word of a daughter being in the hospital for tests and x-rays, as she was having paralysis in legs and arms. She is now in a nursing home and having therapy. Sams plan to leave for home in a few days.

Mrs. Reuben Kennell

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

March 22--Indeed we have typical March weather. Tulips are blooming and fruit trees are budding and some blooming. Farmers are busy in the fields.

Paul Otto (Amos) is scheduled for another surgery today.

Mrs. Chris Herschberger Millie came home from the hospital last week on Tues. and is coming along as well as can be expected.

Irma Yoder (Menno) is laid up with a broken leg. They think maybe it broke before she fell, as it had happened like that once before.

Sat. was a reunion at Alvin S. Beachys' to celebrate the 103rd birthday of (Sam) Fannie Beachy, which was Feb. 27th. It was for the relatives on both sides, which brought a lot from out-of-state. There were over 200 present.

Correction: the Dennis Miller benefit auction is to be April 21 instead of May as I had stated earlier.

Mrs. Menno Herschberger Esther is in the hospital since March 10th. She then had surgery Mon. to remove a tumor in the colon. They don't think it's malignant.

Mrs. (Ruben) Irma Yoder and Mrs. (Joe) Lydia Schrock both had gallbladder surgery at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur.

JoAnn Mast (Ervin) is also a patient at Macon County Hospital, Decatur. She is 17 and one of God's special children.

Mrs. Andy Jess

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

Pleasant View Church

March 20--For awhile yest. we thought winter is returning. Snowed off and on all day but didn't stay on the ground.

Lester and Lenore Miller and fam. moved on the former Joe Miller farm last week. Elva Herschberger had used his truck and trailer to move Joes to Wis. and didn't return till Thurs. eve. instead of Wed. because of his truck breaking down.

The youth had a farewell for Jerry Yoder last week who will be leaving for a term of service at Mountain View Home at Va.

Levi J. Herschberger returned home from the hospital Sun. after a few days stay there. He had a blood clot in his arm and fluid on his lungs.

Levi and Irene Miller, who care for welfare children, got a cute 3-month-old baby girl 2 weeks ago. They also care for a 2 yr. old boy.

Dau. Teresa was home last week from Thurs. till Sun. noon. She came with Ruth Schlabach of Kokomo, Ind. who was going to Ind. for her great uncle's funeral and used Teresa's car. They were very happy to see Hillcrest (Ark.) again after locking their keys in the car at a gas station at Cuba, Mo. and having a flat tire 30 miles near home!

Mon. morn. Mrs. Sam Petersheim and Edw. Petersheim flew to Fla. to bring Sam Petersheim home. Katie Ann has been here for 5-6 weeks caring for, or staying with, Viola Gingerich, who is still in the nursing home.

Ray Bontragers have returned home from Fla. Rays, Adlia Yoders and Duane Kuhns all attended church at Henry A. Millers'. Henry is a bro. to Mrs. Bontrager and Yoder and Mrs. Kuhn's parents.

Debbie Byler of Idaho was a visitor in the Ray Helmuth home over the weekend. Their son Doug is her special reason for being here.

We were blessed with a lot of visitors Sun. morn., Eli Beachys of Franklin, Ky. who preached for us, J.D. Stutzmans of Holmes Co., Ohio, Leroy Millers fam. of Ship., Ind., Daniel Marner of Ship., Ind., Andy Yoders, Macon, Miss. and Cindy and Ruth Miller, Antrim, Ohio, who were visitors in Dorothy Marner and Charlene Schrock's home. Most of these visitors were here to attend a fam. gathering for a belated birthday party for Mrs. Fannie Beachy who turned 103 in Feb. They had the gathering at her son's home, Alvin Beachys.

Visitors Sun. at Trinity were Joni Bontragers and Mrs. Ed Bontrager, all from Kokomo, Ind. and Crist Troyers of Hartville, Ohio. Trinity is having revival meetings this week with Dave Raber of Mission Home, Va.

Edgar & Mary Petersheim

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**Pinecraft, Fla.**

March 26--Overcast skies, hoping for rain. Has been lovely weather.

The Pinecraft streets seem lonely, not many people to be seen. If plans carry we will be leaving in 10 days.

Attendance at Tourist Menn. Church yesterday was 180. Bro. Elmer Stoll preached. Bro. Amos Horst is in Haiti, planning to return tomorrow. Bro. Jake Weaver was not able to be there either, due to the serious illness of their son Nelson, who is in the hospital. Bro. Eli Wm. Beachy was the message bearer last evening.

All day sewing was held Wed. at the Tourist Menn. Church fellowship hall.

Elmo Stoll and wife, also their son Jesse and wife Martha, all of Daviess Co., Ind. visited at the writer's Thurs. a.m. Reuben and I were to the craft and flea market at Oakwood Manor Trailer Court and just got home as the Stolls arrived.

I was quite amused when reading the "Pinecraft Poet's" news in last week's Budget. I see we have 2 "Pinecraft Poets". Keep it up "boys", we love poetry.

Stanley Hostetler, wife and children, spent Sat. p.m. and Sun. with her sister at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., returning home last eve.

Mrs. Lester (Mary) Yoder is doing quite well. They were dinner guests at Tobias Yoders' Sat. noon. She went via wheelchair. They are expecting their son Harold and family today to spend a week with them and relieve Lester of cooking and housekeeping.

Archie Hostetler just stopped by with the last report of the sick boy, Nelson. He passed away sometime last night.

Mrs. Reuben Kennell

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

March 29--Had several beautiful days this week.

Mrs. Eli Herschberger Ruby came home from the hosp. last Thurs. Her condition is somewhat better but still has her ups and downs. Mon. Chris Herschberger entered the hosp. for tests and X-rays.

Aunt Lucy Yoder isn't so well since her heart spell several weeks ago. She is more hyper and more than her sis. Sadie (Mrs. Ben Kuhns) can do to take care of her, so Lucy went to be with her bro. Jerry S. Yoder under Kathryn's care for a while. Sadie then went over to her dau. Mary's (Mrs. Harvey Miller) to stay for awhile, too.

Chris Herschbergers of Wautoma, Wisc. and possibly others were in the area over the weekend to visit their parents and relatives.

Delbert Schmuckers and 3 children of Ludington, Mich. were also here and attended church at her bro. Melvin Gingerich's. It was council meeting.

Word was received Sat. from Oh. of the death of Alma Miller (Mels). She was 30 yrs. old and one of God's special children. Several loads from here attended the funeral Tues.

Word was also received on Sat. of the sudden death of John Sylvan, 8-yr-old son of Dennis and Judy (Hochstedler) Yoder of Kalona, Ia. Three van loads of the Dannie Schrock, step-relatives of here went for the funeral which was on Wed., a farm-related accident.

Edwin and Ella Kaufman brought home their baby from the hosp. which is 11 weeks old today (she was very tiny and premature) with strict orders from the doctor for no visitors for 2 weeks and limited after that.

Measles have started in this community. So far only one mother and her baby have had them. They got exposed while in Ind.

A dau. was born on March 15 to Floyd and Betty Miller named Lucy Ellen. Three bros. welcome her as well as grandparents Bish. William A. Masts and Bish. Omer A. Millers. Great-grandmothers are Mrs. (Amos) Ida Miller and Mrs. (Chris) Malinda Otto.

A son was born on March 26 to Homer and Sovilla Miller named Samuel Ray. He has 2 bros. and 2 sisters. Grandparents are John J. Stutzmans and Levi H. Millers. Great-grandparents are Joel N. Schrock and Jonas Stutzman.

Mrs. Andy Jess

LEBANON, ILLINOIS

March 26--Today we were to Pontoon Church. It was pretty well filled, even though we have 8 inches of snow on the ground. No damage has been done to any fruits or crops, just a few early flowers.

Pre. George Dyck is going slowly and continues to use his wheelchair and walker since his fall. He and wife are getting up in years. Mail is most welcome.

Visitors here on Tues. were Agnus Lindsey and friend from Pontoon. Agnus has many medical problems, among them cataracts but for 70 she certainly is very active and on the go.

Billy Wayne and wife Ruby made a trip up here from Phelps County. Also Orval and Lou Ida Kohenski, but the writer was on a 2-day fishing trip to Mo. Orvals are also from Mo. Sorry we missed you.

Mattie King

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS**Pleasant View Church**

March 28--Our spring weather has returned after our surprise last Fri. morn. when we awoke to about 2 in. snow on the ground.

We were blessed with a visiting min. Sunday giving a very timely message, namely Eli Yoder and wife of Gladys, Va. They were on their way home from Minn. after teaching 6 weeks Bible school. Other visitors were Lisa Thomas of Goshen, Ind. who came to visit Jerry Yoder (Joes) who leaves for Va. this week for a term of V.S. Two other girls also attended whose names I didn't get.

Edgar Millers, White Pigeon, Mi. were Sun. eve. visitors of Sam Petersheims and overnight guests of Edgar Petersheim. They also visited Viola Gingerich in the nursing home, leaving for their home Mon. morn.

Kenny Kuhns and fam. of Mission Home, Va. were here over the weekend. Visiting their families, also bringing with them Mrs. Dave Raber, as Dave was here for a week of meetings at Trinity which ended Sun. eve. Trinity had a fellowship dinner in the Menno Kuhns home Sun.

My last week's letter had a misprint. It should have read, Joe Millers moved their belongings to their new home in Wis.

Mrs. Edgar Petersheim

SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

March 27--A very beautiful morning again after our rainy week and snow last week.

Council meeting was well attended at Mrs. (Eli) Fannie Gingerich's Sun. Visiting ministers were Bish. Amos Ottos and Marvin Diener. To be here at Monroe's April 8 with plans to have communion.

A belated item which makes my face feel rather red as I forgot to mention last week that our nearest neighbor, Nelson Dieners, had girl No. 1 named Karen Renee. The little miss has one bro. Ben Dieners and Harvey Farmwalds are grandparents and Chris Herschbergers are great. She was born March 15.

There are 5 of the Amish boys (I can't remember all the names, but Nathaniel Stutzman is one) that went to the disaster area in S.C. They intend to stay a week. They left last Sat. morning early.

There are to be quiltings at Mel Schrock's Wed. and Fri. of this week to quilt one for the benefit sale for Dennis Miller's hospital bill.

Mrs. Joe N. Schrock and Mrs. Ruben Schrock both had gallstone operations lately. They were both coming along as good as could be expected the last I heard. David D. Schrock was caring for his father-in-law, crippled Joe, while she was in the hospital.

Mrs. Joe J. Hochstetler

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

March 29--March winds have brought rains again. It had been sort of dry. Oats have been sown, lots of plowing has been done and gardens made. Mine does not happen to be one that has been planted.

Edwin and Ella Kaufman brought their tiny baby home from the hospital. She is still tiny enough that they don't need visitors for a couple of weeks.

Darrel Schrock (Albert, In.) moved to the Ronnie Kinnaman (Philip Jess) property. I understand his sister Rose from In. will, or has, moved in with him.

Mrs. Eli (Ruby) Herschberger came home from the hospital last week feeling better. She went back to the hospital and had a chemo treatment on Monday. She seems to be doing pretty good with that.

Chris Herschberger was in the hospital last Monday for tests for something in his abdomen.

Velvon Schrock was able to be in church again, the first time since his accident.

Going to Kalona, Ia. Wednesday for the funeral of John Sylvan, age 8, son of Dennis and Judy Yoder, were: Jake Schrock, Willard O. Millers, Clarence Gingerichs and Enos Millers and Edwin Schrock, with John Lee as driver, returning home that evening. Going on Tuesday for the funeral and returning home Wednesday evening were: Sam Schrock, Larry Masts, Mrs. Lonnie Yoder, Rosanna and Edwin, Paul Yoder and Marilyn Schrock, with Red Binion as driver.

Stopping off at the funeral on the way to South Dakota were: Omer F. Schrock and Omer A. Millers, Mrs. Ida Miller and Annie. They left for Dakota after the funeral. Warren Arthur is their driver.

Mrs. Edwin N. Schrock

ANNA, ILLINOIS**Mt. Pleasant Congregation**

April 4--The wedding of Marlin Newswanger (Ivan) from Woodbury, Pa. and Marie Wenger (Aaron) from Orchardville on March 31 brought many visitors from the east. Jesses Neuenschwander married them and Wilmer Eshbach had the sermon. Aaron Wenger (father of Marie) had devotions.

Jeffrey Witmer and his wife from Waterloo, N.Y. were at Mt. Pleasant Sun., April 1 with him conducting Sun. school devotions.

Joe Hostetters went to Versailles April 1 to teach the adult Sun. school class. Also at Versailles was Bish. Isaac Sense-nig (Pa.) for council services.

Dea. David Weaver plans to attend the conferring meeting in Pa. next week.

Marvin Weaver

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

April 15--Weather is cool and sunny.

Mrs. Edward Gingerich (Millie) was in the hospital with fluid on the lungs and remained for tests as to what causes it.

Bishop Jake Dieners, Willie Yoders, Perry U. Miller from Shipshewana, Ind. area and Mrs. Leroy Farmwald from Nappanee, Ind. spent the weekend with relatives. Church was held in Omer Otto's dist. at Lewis Kaufmans' with Jake Diener as visiting minister. All the other church dists. had council meeting.

Danny D. Millers, and several of their children who sleep downstairs, woke up pretty sick. They realized that the gas refrigerator was leaking fumes. They opened windows and got help. Another half hour would have put them out cold someone said. This happened last Thurs. morning. They were all right again by noon.

Andy Ray Masts and Roman Borntragers and possibly others traveled to Michigan to attend the wedding of Larry Borkholder, son of Mrs. Noah (Amanda) Borntrager, and Susie Knepp (Roy) of Shipshewana, Ind.

Mrs. Edwin Schrock

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS**Pleasant View Church**

April 2--Have had lots of rain the past week.

The Salem Menn. Chorus presented us with a song program Sun. evening. They're from Leon, Ia. Trinity Fellowship attended our services Sun. evening. Norman Yoder of Mt. Vernon, Ill. attended too, as he was an uncle to some of the youth with the chorus.

Sun. morning Kenny Bontrager and Mrs. Edgar Petersheim each had a little girl to take home after Sun. school who were vomiting.

B.J.K. Helmuths returned home from Fla. Fri. evening. James and Ann Cole of Hutchinson, Ks. were in Fla. and brought Bens home and also visited Enos Helmuths, Ann being a sis. to B.J.K. and Enos.

Mrs. Enos Helmuth spent a few days in the hosp. She's not feeling as well since her 2nd balloon surgery. Her dau. Mrs. Dale Schrock and 2 sons of Sarasota, Fla. are here to visit her. She took the Pioneer from Sarasota to Topeka, Ind. Elva Herschberger picked her up there, returning to Ill. early Sun. morning.

The youth are having a farewell supper for Dave Miller (Levi and Irene) who will be leaving in a few weeks for Mountain View Home, Va. for a term of service.

Leaving for Harrison, Ark. Mon. afternoon were Willis and Edna Schrock, Mrs. Martin Schrock and dau. Lucille, Edgar and Mary Petersheim and dau. Glenda and Arnie Diener. The occasion was for Teresa Petersheim and Joan Schrock's farewell at Hillcrest and will be returning home April 4th after a year of service there.

Visitors at Trinity Sun. were Elmer Beaches of Seymour, Mo. Dave and Dawn Kuhns were to Nappanee, Ind. over the weekend.

Min. Menno Kuhns left Thurs. for Belleville, Pa. to visit his dau.-in-law Mrs. Willard Kuhns and daus. He'll be traveling on to Weavertown, Pa. for the ministers' meeting. Bish. Dannie Dieners were at Auburn, Ky. Sun. to have communion with the church there. They too will be going to the ministers' meeting and also to Ga. Min. Simeon Gingerichs, Bish. Howard Kuhns and Min. Willis Bontragers, also plan to attend the ministers' meetings.

Last Fri. Mrs. Sovilla and Mrs. Laura Gingerich and dau. Mrs. Dorothy Herschberger and Mrs. Sadie Gingerich visited Mrs. Tom (Audrey) Clugston of Mt. Vernon, Ill., whose husband was killed last fall. While there, Audrey received a call that her father-in-law was killed in Pa. Edgar & Mary Petersheim

ROANOK, ILLINOIS**Pinecraft, Florida**

April 2--We had a nice 1.2" rain Sat., which was sure welcome. Citrus trees need more rain. Grapefruit are already size of golf balls.

The funeral for Nelson Weaver, 23, son of Jacob and Anna Barb, was Wed. afternoon at the Tourist Menn. Church, where he was a member. He was a crippled boy and could only get around by wheelchair with motor. Burial was at the Sunnyside Cemetery.

Alton Yoder and wife of Crofton, Ky. arrived in Pinecraft Wed. p.m. to spend a short time here.

Funeral services for Mrs. Clayton Zimmerman (Katie) were held Wed. in Pa. She had not been well for some time and were not able to come to Fla. anymore. Their home on corner of Fry and Gilbert here in Pinecraft was sold several weeks ago.

Frank Zimmerman and wife, also a friend Harry Weaver, all of Pa., spent from Fri. p.m. to Mon. (today) in Pinecraft. They were here on business. Harry came to be with his good friend Archie Hostetler. They came via plane. They were all dinner guests with Amos and Mary Horst yesterday. Franks visited in our home Sat. evening.

There were a lot of relatives of the Weavers who attended the funeral of Nelson. The Levi Weavers, who lived across the street from us last year from Milton, Iowa, visited the neighbors here Thurs. and Fri., then left for home Sat.

Mary Rhodes of Va. brought me some belated news. There was a Virginia reunion held at the Tourist Fellowship Room Feb. 24. It was for all those who had roots there, then lived elsewhere. There were 70 registered.

Mrs. Ida Miller and Roger Kennell treated the 54 renters at Miller's Trailer Court to an ice cream supper March 5th.

A lot of tourists are leaving this week. We hope to be home by Thurs. p.m.

Mrs. Reuben Kennell

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

April 5--A northerner moved in with strong winds on Sun. evening. Has been on the chilly side since, but is clear and sunny.

Chris Herschberger is scheduled to have surgery this week to remove the tumor he has in the prostate area.

Anointing services were held yest. for Mrs. Chris Herschberger as she took a sudden turn for worse about noon.

Several in the area decided to improve their looks this week and went to Chicago to get new dentures. They could make the impressions and receive the dentures in one day. Those getting dentures were Lewis J. Yoder, Daniel Schlabach, Ervin Mast, Mrs. Lewis Ray Schrock and Earl Hochstetler (Monroe). Mrs. Lewis Yoder and Lewis Ray Schrock also went along.

The shop is being erected and they are putting the shingles on today. Merle Plank's crew is doing the work.

Mel Yoders went to Fla. to visit their son Wms. and to bring home Dave Herschbergers, returning the last of last week. Daves wanted some time to prepare their house for the upcoming wedding of Lewis Dieners' Rebecca and Marlin Otto on April 11.

A beautiful day today for the wedding of Owen Helmuth and Lauretta Miller.

Mrs. Andy Jess

LEBANON, ILLINOIS

April 2--Noah (13) son of Gary and Ruth Freeman is recovering from eye surgery. He was playing with a rubber-band and ballpoint pen, shooting the tip of the pen, accidentally into the lens of his eye. At last report his vision went from 20-300 to 20-80, so there is a chance of good recovery, so far.

Water rationing has ended for the Bloomington area after all the recent rain.

Belated news is the cataract surgery Pre. George Dyck had and lens replaced in his left eye. New eyeglasses gave him double vision, but a return visit helped correct the problem.

Our helper Clyde was returning from work, when two youths in a car continually tried to run him off the road. On two occasions, when he stopped at a signal light, they drove up and struck the rear bumper of his car. He drove directly to the local police station, giving them the license number but haven't heard anything so far.

Mattie King

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**Woodford County**

April 9--Sat. temp. was 20°, pretty cold for the blooming jonquils.

We arrived home safely Thurs. p.m. Johns and Ervins were there to meet us.

Son Leonard and Leonard Ulrich also arrived home late Thurs. p.m. after spending 9 days in Haiti. There is still a lot of unrest in Haiti.

The funeral of Edna Reber, 95 years, was Wed. at the church in Bloomington, Ill. where her dau. lives. Burial was at the cemetery near Shelbyville, Ill. where she was a member at the church there.

Quite a few from this vicinity attended the funeral. She had been a resident at Meadows Nursing Home. She is survived by 2 sisters, Lydia Ann Ulrich of Tampico, Ill. and Viola Shultz of Mich., also 3 bros., Amos Hostetler of Ark. and Danny Hostetler of Shelbyville, Ill. and Herman Hostetler of Tampico, Ill.

Ervin Kennell and wife, also Leon Kennell and wife left Fri. p.m. via Amtrak for Hutchinson, Kans. to attend the Menn. relief sale there Sat. Daniel and Iva Nisly met them at the depot (Mrs. Leon's uncle and aunt). They live at Partridge, Kans. Ervins and Leons left Sat. night and arrived home Sun. afternoon.

A busload from Pa., young folks of Sharon Bible Institute, gave a program in song at church Sat. p.m., staying in various homes Sat. night, then left Sun. a.m. for Arthur, Ill.

The church group went to Peoria Mission Sun. evening for services.

Later Mon.--Son Harold of Shelbyville, Ill. had supper with us this evening and spent the evening here.

Howard Eigsti and wife attended a wedding in Plain City, Oh. Sat. Jenny and Mary (schoolteachers) stayed with their children. They returned home Sat. evening. Mrs. Reuben Kennell

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS**Pleasant View Church**

April 11--After an all-day rain yest. it is 30° this morn. Some have garden things up.

Sun. visitors in church were Emery Herschbergers of Kokomo, Ind. and Pete L. Bontragers of Colon, Mi. Quite a few were missing because of the weddings in Texas of Darrell Miller and Ruth Friesen on Fri. eve. and Wanda Miller & Terry Yoder on Sat. Those going from here were Bish. Howard Kuhns & fam., Dannie Kuhns and fam. and Abe Kuhns, Allen & Lester Millers, Kenny Bontragers, Merle Planks, Ruben & Irene Stutzman and Katie Marner.

Visitors in the Enos and B.J.K. Helmut home over the weekend was their sis. John Yoders and their dau. Pete L. Bontragers and 2 children. They were all Sun. dinner guests in our home. Mrs. Mattie Troyer also came with them, spending Sat. visiting cousins and friends. Will Bontrager also came. His nieces and nephews met in the Henry A. Miller home Sat. These all come from Colon, Mi.

Herman & Ada Mae Miller, Unity, Wi. were weekend guests of Cliff & Doris Schrock. Ada Mae & I met at a reunion when we were 12 & 13 and wrote together until we were 17 & 18. So it was a pleasant surprise to meet each other at the Menn. School's fish fry Sat. eve.

They have moved Viola Gingerich to her home.

She remains about the same as she has been the last few weeks.

Yest. our church had guest sewing. A

lot of the sisters were home entertaining chicken pox.

Ervin Miller of Hutchinson, Ks. and Mrs. Edna Miller of Garnett, Ks. were overnight guests Wed. eve. of B.J.K. Helmut's, having come for the wedding of their nephew's dau. at Roy Miller's on Thurs. Perry Millers of Ky. were also here for the wedding.

The youth group were invited to the Martin Schrock home Sun. for dinner and went singing in the afternoon for some of the youth's grandparents.

Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Mast was taken to St. Mary's Hospital (Decatur) with pneumonia. She was so sick Mon. eve. all her sis. and bros. were called to the hospital. Her son Mel is here from Fla. and dau. Mrs. Sarah Miller of Miss. is coming too.

Visitors at Trinity Fellowship Sun. were Larry Schrock's of Kokomo, Ind.

All the ministers have returned from the ministers' meeting at Pa. Menno Kuhns traveled home with Dannie Dieners. Ed Yoders of Hutchinson, Ks. drove Menno's car home, stopping in Arthur to visit Ed's sister, Mrs. Eli Herschberger Ruby, who is suffering with cancer. They also visited Ed's parents Henry & Alma Yoder. Min. David L. Millers and Min. Daniel Nisleys were among the van load who stopped in Ill. to pick up Eds, traveling on to Ks. Sat. morn. Edgar & Mary Petersheim

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

April 12--Cold with a temp. of 26° this morn. Early garden things are up, but some have been frozen off.

Published to be married are Howard Yoder (Andy) and Sarah Stutzman (Clarence). May 2 is their chosen date.

On Feb. 28 a son named Linford Ray was born to Norman & Carolyn Otto. He has 2 brothers. Grands are Jr. Ottos and Eli A. Millers. Great-grandparents are Menno Chupps.

March 10 a dau. named Rosanna was born to Ervin and Nancy Miller. Two sisters and 2 bros. welcome her as well as grandparents who are Fred Ottos and Mrs. (Monroe) Sarah (Miller) Kauffman of Ind.

March 15, a dau. named Karen Renee was born to Nelson & Ruth Diener. She has 1 bro. Grandparents are Ben M. Dieners and Harvey Farmwalds. Great-grandparents are Chris Herschbergers.

Plans are to ordain 2 ministers in this area, one on Good Friday (tomorrow) in Steve Kauffman's East dist. and one on Sun. in Amos Otto's dist.

Chris Herschberger came home from the hospital on Sun. and is coming along as well as can be expected.

I just now got word of the passing of my aunt, Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Mast. She passed away (yest.) April 11 (her mother, Mrs. Joni T. Plank, Mary's birth date). Barbara went to the hospital on Sun. and had been there at the time of her death. She leaves her husband Henry, 3 sons and 4 daus., Stanley at home; Mary (Mrs. Al Miller), Arthur; Sara (Mrs. Lloyd Miller), Miss.; Melvin, Va.; John, Champaign; Carolyn (Mrs. Glen Kauffman), Arthur; Linda (Mrs. Dave Weaver), Fla. Barbara's age was 68 years, 8 months and 18 days.

This coming weekend was planned for all my bros. and sisters from Tn., Mich. and Ind. to be here to help divide the dishes, etc. of our parents, also to read their will on Sat., but instead we have our aunt's funeral to attend.

Mrs. Andy Jess

SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS

April 10--Jonathan Creek church was well attended Sun. here at Monroe's. Visitors were Bish. Amos Ottos, Ministers Amos Miller, Harvey Chupp and David D. Schrock. Church to be at Harvey D. Farmwald's next.

Still some chicken pox scabs around. They are now in the Okaw Valley School.

I was pleasantly surprised last eve. when Jacob M. Stutzmans and family (all except Philip who is working at Lewis Yoder's) and Eli J. Stutzmans and 2 daus. came with ice cream, then Monroes and family, all came over with more to let me know I have a birthday.

Clarence E. Stutzman was also in communion, coming only in the afternoon as he can't very well sit all day. Walking is also difficult for him.

Mrs. Joe J. Hochstetler

TAMPICO, ILLINOIS

April 14--Cynthia, 5-yr.-old dau. of Stanley and Carolyn Shrock, was in the hosp. 3 days with double viral pneumonia. She is at home again and doing better.

Mabel Garretson was feeling better, but started running a temperature again. Doctor hasn't found the problem yet.

Dale Kelly, 69, passed away. He started working in the Tampico Bank when it opened in 1947, and was president when he retired in 1984.

Fred Scott, 70, formerly of this area, but now of Browntown, Wisc., passed away at the hosp.

Mrs. Edna Reber, 94, passed away at the nursing home in Meadows, Ill. on March 30. Herman Hostetler, Mrs. Lydia Ulrich and most of the nephews and nieces and several others from here attended the funeral service at the Menn. church in Normal, Ill. Some of us attended the burial service at Mt. Herman Cemetery in Shelby Co.

Harley Stauffer, 47, passed away at his home in Sterling, April 2. He had been suffering from cancer for quite some time. A van load from Ind. attended the visitation. Two van loads from Ind., one from Mich. and one from Ia. attended the funeral.

We visited Milo Kropf, after attending Harley's funeral. When we left there, Ruth stumbled and fell on the concrete walk, breaking her left kneecap. She is supposed to keep it immobile (in a splint) for 4 weeks and no weight on it for 7 weeks.

Mrs. Wayne (Fern) Kropf had a severe stroke Sun. evening, April 8. She responds part of the time by squeezing your hand, but is unable to talk or eat by mouth and has some paralysis. She is at home.

Donald Headings is home from the hosp. and is as good as can be expected. He had a round of fever since he is home, but is better again. The family is giving him rehab. exercises.

Grandma (Mrs. Mary Hostetler) of Buffalo, Mo., is visiting here at present.

Frank Christner of Sedalia, Mo. was here 8 days, installing trim in the new part of our house. Ernest Blosser

ROANOKE, ILLINOIS**Woodford County**

April 16--The past week was cloudy and rainy and on the cool side.

Son Kenneth, wife and daughter Lori returned home Wed. noon after spending the winter in Fla.

Jonas Bontreger, wife, 2 daughters and son of Blountstown, Fla. spent several days with the Robert Kennell family. Their daughter Rhoda and Darryl Kennell (Roberts) have announced their engagement. Plans are to be married in June. Rhoda is teaching school at Arthur, Ill. The Bontregers plan to leave for home today (Mon.).

Steve Ulrich, wife and children left Thurs. to spend the weekend with her folks, the Monroe Yoder family. A reunion is planned at Blountstown, Fla.

Glen Yoder and wife of Daviess Co., Ind. came Sat. p.m. to spend several days with their daughter and family, the Ervin Kennells. Bro. Glen had devotions in church yesterday a.m. Bro. John Gerber brought the Easter message.

Our school auction was Thurs. p.m. at the recreation room in the school house with a full house. Bob Yoder and Lee

Bachman auctioned, proceeds going for the school.

Leonard Kennell, wife and son Lonnie left Fri. afternoon for Ind. They attended the closing out sale of Wm. Masts of Howe, Ind. Sat., then were Sunday dinner guests with the Ralph Kennells of New Paris, Ind. They returned home last evening.

Steve H. and Mary Tyson (school-teachers) also spent the weekend with Mary's folks in Ind., returning last eve.

Visitors in church yesterday were the Jonas Bontreger family of Fla. and Jim Swartzendruber of Au Gres, Mich., Lowell Martin, wife and 2 daughters of Tampico, Ill. and Glen Yoder and wife of Daviess Co., Ind.

The early birds are making garden.

Mrs. Reuben Kennell

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS

April 19--The April weather has been unusually cool, but it seems the greenery is still coming through, though not as fast. We saw peach trees starting to bloom and we've had frosts since, so we wonder if they will survive.

The wedding on April 11 at Lewis Dieners' of their dau. Rebecca and Marlin Ottos was well-attended. Most of Treva's bros. and sisters and uncles and aunts from northern Ind. attended. Also Elmer Beachys from Seymour, Mo. and David Grabers from near Cedar Rapids, Ia. Marlin's moved on Sat. to the small house at David D. Schrock's.

Ivan and Carolyn (Gingerich) Gingerich are the parents of a son, Jerry Dale, born April 8. Willard Gingerichs and Norris Gingerichs are grandparents. Mrs. Sarah Gingerich, Chris J. Yoders, Mrs. Tillie Miller and Simon Gingerichs are great-grandparents.

Jonas J. Stutzman and girls were traveling in a buggy on 133 west of Arthur when a car backed out of his driveway, not seeing them and back right into them. The front wheels were smashed and the axle broken, but no one was hurt and the horse was alright.

Howard Yoder (Andy) and Sarah Stutzman (Clarence H.) chose May 2 for their wedding day. The unusual thing about this undertaking is that the bride's parents have not been to a wedding in 10 years. Sarah is the first grandchild to be married on both her parents' side of the family.

Communion was held on Good Fri. at Noah Brennemanns' in Steve Kauffman East dist. and a minister was ordained. Edward J. Chupp, 47, was chose out of a lot of 5. Others in lot were Eli Chupp,

Andy Chupp, Lonnie Brenneman and Robert Hochstetler. Edward is the son of the late Jacob J. Chupps and she is dau. of Min. Jeff and Rebecca (Schrock) Miller. Their address: Rt. 2, Box 46, Arthur, Ill.

Communion was held last Sun. at Marvin Ray Millers' in Amos Otto dist. and a minister was ordained and Paul E. Yoder, 29, was chosen out of a lot of 9. Others in lot: Marvin A. Miller, Marvin R. Miller, David L. Otto, Ben S. Kauffman, D. Ray Chupp, Melvin E. Otto, Marcus Gingerich and Andrew Gingerich. Paul is the son of Ralph and Mattie (Helmuth) Yoder. She is the dau. of Dea. John and Barbara (Beachy) Otto. Their address is Rt. 2, Sullivan, Ill.

Velvon J. Schrock (who fell from the top of a crib several months ago) is able to go to church and also does light work. In the last few weeks he has improved quite a bit in expressing his thoughts.

Mrs. Alvin N. Schrock has been laid up with high blood pressure problems, but was able to be in church after being absent for 7 mos. Mrs. Edwin Schrock

ANNA, ILLINOIS**Mt. Pleasant Congregation**

April 17--A cool, wet spring. No field work has yet begun. The late frosts have been hard on the fruit trees and according to a local paper, the loss will be several million dollars.

John Brubaker Sr. and his wife from the Philippines were visiting their son Amos (Ewing) and his family April 7-12. John preached here at Mt. Pleasant Sun. eve., April 8, and gave a report of the work in the Philippines.

There are 4 babies to report this week here in Ill. From Orchardville, Daryl (Mervin's) and Angie (Good) Weaver had a boy March 29 and named him Shawn Delray.

From Ewing, Keith and Karen (Zimmerman) Ebersole had a boy named Gordon Kent on April 5.

From Mt. Pleasant, Min. Carl and Irene (High) Martin had a boy named Isaac on April 7.

Also from Orchardville, Jason and Donna (Ebersole) Gehman had a girl named Emily Joy on April 9.

Min. Dennis Martin and family from Md. were in the area April 15. He preached at Mt. Pleasant Sun. morn. and at Orchardville Sun. eve.

Glen and Wanda Weaver & family were at Dublin, Ga. visiting Donald and Joan (Weaver) Yoder. Also Min. Phares Martin with wife and dau. were at Versailles, Mo. April 15.

Marvin Weaver

ARTHUR, ILLINOIS

April 19--Cloudy skies and mild temp.

Several loads from here of the Gingerich relatives attended the funeral in Kokomo, Ind. of Monroe H. Miller on Tues. Alpha, his wife being a sister to (Menno) Sarah Chupp, Abe C., John A. and the (late) Emery C. Gingerich, also Esther, the first wife of (late) Levi Chupp.

On Sat. the funeral of Mrs. (Henry) Barbara Mast was largely attended. Her bros. and sisters, nieces and nephews were well represented with many out-of-state. Her bro. Dan of Dover, Del. was not able to be there. Her sisters Fannie (Harve Kauffman), Ind., Emma (Sam Overholt), Fla. and Kalona, Ia., Mary Ann (Wm. Mast), Lizzie (Eli J.K. Miller), both of here. Brothers John B. of Fla., Joni, Arthur, Mrs. Bill Plank, Plain City, Ohio, also the Willis Miller family of Milroy, Ind. all attended, plus many more strangers. Correction: Henry's son Melvin lives in Fla. instead of Va. as I had stated.

Mrs. (Ben) Sadie Kuhns and Lucy Yoder are both at home again. They attended their communion church in the afternoon on Good Fri.

The new minister in E. Steve Kauffman dist. is Edward Chupp, age 47. He is the son of late Jacob Chupps and his wife is Verna, dau. of Jeff A. Millers. Those sharing the lot were Andy and Eli Chupp, Lonnie Brenneman and Robert Hochstetler.

In Amos Otto's dist. the chosen one was Paul Yoder, age 29, son of Ralph and Mattie Yoder and his wife is Naomi, dau. of John E. and Barbara Otto. Others in the lot were Marvin A. and Marvin Ray Miller, Ben S. Kauffman, Marcus and Andrew Gingerich, Melvin Ray and David Lynn Otto and D. Ray Chupp.

March 30 a son named Darin was born to Steve and Fannie Kauffman. He has 1 sister and 1 bro. Grandparents are Jake S. Kauffmans and Merle Gingerichs. Great-grandparents are Bish. Steve Kauffmans, Mrs. (Jonas) Maggie Mast and Bish. Abe C. Gingerichs.

This is the week Darrel and Ruth Miller plan to return from their honeymoon and make their home in Chester-ville where he had lived before they married on April 6. Ruth will be a new mother right away to Darrel's 3 children, Caleb, age 4, Carmen and Carla (twins), age 2. In Aug. it will be 2 yrs. that their mommie passed away of cancer.

Mrs. Andy Jess

ARCOLA, ILLINOIS**Pleasant View Church**

April 18--Mrs. Henry (Barbara) Mast, age 68 years, passed away April 11th. Funeral was Sat. morning 10:00 a.m. at the Pleasant View Church. She leaves her husband Henry and son Stanley at home; John, Champaign; Mel, Sarasota, Fla.; Mary Miller and Carolyn Kauffman, Arthur; Sarah Miller, Macon, Miss.; and Linda Weaver, Sarasota, Fla.; 4 sisters and 3 bros. All her children and grandchildren were here for the funeral. Also her bro. John and wife, Fla., sis. Emma Overholt and husband, Kalona, Ia. and sis. Fannie Kauffman and husband of Ind., plus many nieces and nephews from out-of-state.

Sun. morning visitors in church were all of Henrys' children and families and Alva Millers and family of Wisc.

The Glen Miller family of Goshen,

Ind. were last week's visitors in their dau.'s home, Wayne Yoders'.

David and Susie Miller, Yoder, Ks. were weekend guests of Enos and B. J. K. Helmuths, Susie being their sis. They had brought Esther Keim for the above funeral. Obed Millers, Garnett, Ks. and Sylvanus Herschbergers, Holmes Co., Ohio were here, too, for the funeral.

Felty Marners and family were to Middlefield, Oh. over Easter to visit the Mrs.' family. Levi and Irene Miller and dau. took their son and bro. to Va. Fri. for a term of service at Mountain View Home. Dorothy Marner went with them and gave her sis. Sarah a surprise visit.

John Sommers is in a Chicago hosp. at this time having removed more spots from his lungs. He's gaining real well.

We had a chilly 26° this morning.

Ira and Martha Bontrager and Mrs. Anna Miller were overnight guests of Sam Petersheims this week, the women being sisters to Sam. They planned to visit Viola Gingerich yet this morning before returning to their White Pigeon, Mich. home.

Simon Gingerichs were to Kokomo, Ind. this week for Simon's bro.-in-law's funeral, Monroe Miller.

Edgar & Mary Petersheim

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Amstutz 2
Arthur 18
B1
Bachman 23
Bates 4
Beachey 19
Beachy 4-7-12-14-15-16-24
Binion 18
Blosser 7-13-22
Bontrager 1-2-3-15-19-21-25
Bontreger 23
Borkholder 2-19
Borntrager 1-2-5
Borntreger 19
Brenneman 24-25
Brubaker 24
Bucher 4-14
Burkholder 1
Byler 15
C1
Christner 22
Chupp 1-7-12-22-24-25
Clugston 8-19
Cole 19
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Diener 1-3-7-18-19-20-22
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Dyck 17-20
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Ebersole 14-24
Ehst 14
Eigstis 13-14-21
Eshbach 19
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Farmwald 18-19-22
Fisher 10
Freeman 20
Friesen 21
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Garretson 13-22
Gehman 24
Gerber 23
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Gingreich 13
Good 14-24
Goss 13
Graber 1-6-10-24
Gritter 2
Guengrich 6
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Hartzler 10
Heading 7-13-22
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Schwartz 2
Scott 22
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Shrock 7-13-22
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Siegrist 1-14
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Speicher 8
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